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BUDGET RESOLUTION/Farmland Protection Program

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 2000-2009 . . . S.Con. Res. 20. Santorum/Leahy amendment No. 212.

ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 97-1

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S.Con. Res. 20, the Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 2000-2009: will cut the debt held by the public (money that the Federal Government owes to creditors other than itself) in half over 10 years; will fully fund Medicare (all of the President's proposed \$9 billion in Medicare cuts were rejected; as a result, this budget will allow \$20.4 billion more in Medicare spending over the next 10 years); will save the entire \$1.8 trillion in Social Security surpluses over the next 10 years for Social Security; will provide for \$778 billion in net tax relief over the next 10 years (in contrast, the President's budget would increase the tax burden by \$96 billion net over 10 years), and will adhere to the spending restraints (discretionary spending caps and pay-go provisions) of the bipartisan budget agreement as enacted in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Taxpayer Reform Act of 1997 (the President's proposed budget, in contrast, would dramatically increase spending in violation of that bipartisan agreement, and would result in \$2.2 trillion more in total Federal debt at the end of 10 years than proposed in this Senate budget).

The Santorum/Leahy amendment would express the sense of the Senate that the functional totals in this resolution assume that Congress will authorize additional appropriations for the Farmland Protection Program this year.

Those favoring the amendment contended:

Three years ago, on the Freedom to Farm Bill, Senators Santorum and Boxer sponsored an amendment to authorize a farmland preservation program. That authorization was supposed to last 5 years, but it has only lasted 3 years. The full amount authorized has already been appropriated, yet a tremendous need still remains, and a backlog of applications is piling up. Nineteen States have

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YEAS (97)				NAYS (1)		NOT VOTING (2)	
Republican (52 or 98%)		Democrats (45 or 100%)		Republicans (1 or 2%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (2)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hatch	Akaka	Kennedy	Kyl		Lugar- ⁴	
Allard	Helms	Baucus	Kerrey			McCain- ²	
Ashcroft	Hutchinson	Bayh	Kerry				
Bennett	Hutchison	Biden	Kohl				
Bond	Inhofe	Bingaman	Landrieu				
Brownback	Jeffords	Boxer	Lautenberg				
Bunning	Lott	Breaux	Leahy				
Burns	Mack	Bryan	Levin				
Campbell	McConnell	Byrd	Lieberman				
Chafee	Murkowski	Cleland	Lincoln				
Cochran	Nickles	Conrad	Mikulski				
Collins	Roberts	Daschle	Moynihan				
Coverdell	Roth	Dodd	Murray				
Craig	Santorum	Dorgan	Reed				
Crapo	Sessions	Durbin	Reid				
DeWine	Shelby	Edwards	Robb				
Domenici	Smith, Bob	Feingold	Rockefeller				
Enzi	Smith, Gordon	Feinstein	Sarbanes				
Fitzgerald	Snowe	Graham	Schumer				
Frist	Specter	Harkin	Torricelli				
Gorton	Stevens	Hollings	Wellstone				
Gramm	Thomas	Inouye	Wyden				
Grams	Thompson	Johnson					
Grassley	Thurmond						
Gregg	Voinovich						
Hagel	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

participated in this program to preserve farmland and agriculture communities that are under stress from urban sprawl and development. So far 123,000 acres have been saved. We urge our colleagues to join us in expressing support for authorizing more funding for this meritorious program.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.